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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESETNATIVES, July 29, 2010.

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, reported, under the provisions of Joint Rule 3A, a "Committee Bill improving lobster laws" (House, No. 4951).

For the committee,

WILLIAM M. STRAUS

Senate Membership of the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

Senators (required signatures – 4):

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Jennifer L. Flanagan

ROBERT A. O'LEARY/S/

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| William M. Straus | Carolyn C. Dykema |
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| DENIS GUYER/S/ | ANN MARGARET FERRANTE/S/ |
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| Michael F. Rush | Susan Williams Gifford |
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| SEAN GARBALLEY/S/ | |
| Sean Garballey | |

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In the Year Two Thousand and Ten

An Act improving lobster laws.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 130 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by deleting both the following lines from Section 38:

", which shall be burned or cut into the surface thereof"

"Before any buoy, pot, trap or lobster car is transferred, sold or given away the owner shall burn or cut the letter 'T' into the buoy, pot, trap or lobster car, after his number, to indicate that the buoy, pot, trap or lobster car has been transferred and the new owner shall burn or cut his number into the buoy, pot, trap or lobster car."